

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 50-83, 101, 103, 104, 106 and 107, drawn to: writing animation data to a first memory area; writing text data to a second memory area that is different from said first memory area; copying drawn contents on a prescribed memory area from at least one of said first and second memory area; updating screen display by using said prescribed memory area.

Group II, claim(s) 84-100, 102, 105 and 108, drawn to: obtaining a count result by counting number of occurrence of a character string included in a text data; acquiring correspondence information associating the number of occurrence of the character string and animation data; determining animation data that corresponds to said count result by referring to said correspondence information; writing acquired animation data to a prescribed memory area; writing text data to said prescribed memory area; displaying animation data and text having been written to said prescribed memory area to be overlapped with each other.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter-Anthony Pappas whose telephone number is (571)272-7646. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00am-5:30pm.

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